

**Federation of European  
Film Directors (FERA)**

Avenue de la Toison d'Or 60C,  
1060 Brussels/Belgium

**Federation of Screenwriters  
in Europe (FSE)**

c/o UNI-Europa  
40, rue Joseph II  
1000 Brussels/Belgium

**Society of Audiovisual  
Authors (SAA)**

Rue du Prince Royal, 87B  
B-1050 Brussels/Belgium

**About the unfair and discriminatory treatment of audiovisual authors in Slovenia**

FERA, SAA and FSE were informed at a recent meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia, about the current state of protection of the intellectual property rights of authors in their audiovisual works. FERA, SAA and FSE understand that, whilst the assignment of a license to collect blank tape levies by a collective management organization has been withheld for almost a decade, audiovisual authors in Slovenia have lost at least € 4.000.000-worth of compensation.

Audiovisual authors are entitled to fair compensation for acts of private copying, according to Slovenian legislation and in line with international copyright treaties, to which Slovenia is a party. The current situation represents a great loss for authors, most of whom rely on compensation for acts of private copying to make ends meet.

Audiovisual authors in Slovenia are hit very hard by the current situation, particularly so because of the presumption of transfer of rights they do not enjoy fair remuneration for the cable retransmission, as opposed to their colleagues in the music sector.

As unbearable as this discrimination already is, the status quo with respect to private copying levies is making things even worse by threatening the only direct statutory right that audiovisual authors have in Slovenia to be compensated for the use of their work.

FERA, SAA and FSE therefore call on the Slovenian Government, the National Assembly, the National Council, the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology to address the discrimination between audio and audiovisual authors and to license the collective management of private copying levies without further delays.

In Brussels, 8 February 2018

**FERA**

**Pauline Durrand-Vialle, CEO**



**FSE**

**Robert Taylor, President**



**SAA**

**Cécile Despringre,  
Executive Director**

